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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were mixed, but generally unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady at current values. Demand ranged light to good, and was best for features and into resort areas. Supplies of jumbos were tight, and the balance of sizes was adequate to fully adequate. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample from regular sources, and most breakers were very unassertive in seeking additional supplies due to existing heavy inventories. Light type hens were ample for processors' needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1.5 cents lower for the larger sizes and mediums were unchanged to 1 cent lower. In New England, extra large and large were 1 cent higher and unchanged on the balance of sizes. All prices were unchanged in Boston. The market tone was steady. Demand continued fairly good to good and was best where items were featured and into resort areas. Supplies were tight for jumbos and extra large and closely balanced to available on the remainder of sizes. Breaking stock offerings were ample for the very light demand. Light type hens were ample to burdensome for slaughter schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged to one cent higher for extra large and large, mediums unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was fairly good to good, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate and tight for jumbos.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged to slightly lower in major Ohio cities. Prices elsewhere were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Retail demand was fair to good, best into feature activity. Supplies were adequate for the lighter weights and adequate to at times close for the larger sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock price were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to ample for the lackluster trading and demand. Most breakers working on existing floor stocks and not seeking any additional supplies outside of regular commitments. Trade sentiment steady to about steady.

CHICAGO Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand moderate this holiday shortened week. Supplies fully adequate, except jumbos tight.

SOUTHERN In Florida, prices were lower for the medium and larger sizes, elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was generally noted as improved entering the week, and was usually best where features were planned or in progress. Increasing temperatures had affected egg sizes in some areas bringing supplies of the larger eggs into a better balance. Jumbo eggs remained tight, but the balance of sizes were adequate to fully adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the weekendend Jul 02, 1999, was 42.24 cents, 6.0 cents lower than the week before, and 25.58 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were ample for the light demand. Spent hen availability was ample for immediate slaughter needs.

WESTERN Prices were unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 3% lower than last week with California down 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 7%. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in good balance.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	81-83	71-73	55-57
New York	49-51	46-49	36-39
Philadelphia	46-49	44-47	35-36
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	37-38	35.5-37	28-29
Jackson (1)	49-50	44-45	37-38
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	46-59	43-57	35-49
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	37-42	36-41	27-32
Detroit (2)	34-37	33-36	23-26
Major Ohio Cities (2)	35-40	34-38	24-29
Major Wisconsin Cities	38-46	36-43	27-34
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	53-54	51-52	42-43
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	75	65	55

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 1% lower than last week. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings lighter. Small invoice price 35. Ads in Northern California: large dozen 89-129, medium dozen 119.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	90
EXTRA LARGE	75
LARGE	65
MEDIUM	55

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	219-261
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	189-235
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	179-229
MEDIUM	187-205	MEDIUM	129-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 09, 1999 will decrease by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 02, 1999 were 260,053 cases which was 9 percent above the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	217,550	42,503	260,053
% change from the prior week.....	+9	+7	+9

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to ample for the lackluster trading and demand. Most breakers working on existing floor stocks and not seeking any additional supplies outside of regular commitments. Trade sentiment steady to about steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	20-22	21
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	7-9	8

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. Most plants are only working 4 days this week, due to the July 4 holiday. Demand was light for the offerings, which were reported as fully adequate to ample for processors needs. Undertone was unsettled but mostly steady at prevailing pricelevels.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-JUL-99

	RANGE	CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	10-18.5	15-17	15.67	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were slow with current production easily providing adequate supplies for needs. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-JUL-99

	RANGE	CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	12-19.5	15-17.5	16.68	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 06, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 06, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM July 06, 1999

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	4.3	5.9	3.2	8.5	6.1 28.0
	Change	-1.5	-0.7	0.2	-0.5	-1.5 -13%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.6	19.1	7.3	15.5	20.3 80.8
	Change	-5.1	1.5	-1.4	-1.8	1.5 -6%
Large	Curr Wk	34.7	49.5	36.6	40.3	70.5 231.6
	Change	-8.7	-4.1	-10.9	-11.3	-1.2 -14%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.1	21.7	12.5	21.2	21.9 89.4
	Change	-1.3	-0.7	0.3	2.5	-1.2 0%
Small	Curr Wk	6.7	9.4	4.3	7.1	4.8 32.3
	Change	1.0	2.7	0.6	1.2	-1.3 15%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.0	12.2	9.0	7.6	5.4 40.2
	Change	1.8	1.5	-1.9	-3.2	1.2 -1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	33.1	53.9	11.5	31.6	43.6 173.7
	Change	-9.9	1.2	-1.6	8.1	-3.6 -3%
Total	Curr Wk	115.5	171.7	84.4	131.8	172.6 676.0
Percent	Change	-17%	1%	-15%	-4%	-3% -7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	676.0	-7%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	509.9	02%	40
Total Shell Egg	1,185.9	-3%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 163 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/02/99

CURRENT LOADS 14.00 **FUTURE LOADS** 20.00 **TOTAL LOADS** 34.00

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	23.90	25.63	23.50	25.00	—	—	15.00	GNR W 3	—	24.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	21.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	30.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	14.75	16.75	1.00	GL W LG	26.00	32.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W XL	—	—	31.50	34.25	35.00	37.50	4.00	GL W MD	19.00	24.25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W MD	—	—	—	22.00	—	—	1.00												
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00												
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00												

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 06/28/99 - 07/02/99

CURRENT LOADS 91.50 **FUTURE LOADS** 46.75 **TOTAL LOADS** 138.25

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	23.88	25.44	22.80	25.20	25.25	26.00	44.00		GNR W 1	25.00	28.17	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00		
GNR W 2	—	26.00	—	—	23.80	—	5.00		GNR W 2	—	27.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00		
GNR W 3	14.50	18.67	—	—	17.06	17.88	11.00		GNR W 3	—	22.67	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00		
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	14.75	16.42	3.00		GL W XL	25.54	25.33	—	—	—	—	33.71	7.75			
GNR BR 1	—	—	34.00	35.00	—	—	1.00		GL W LG	23.61	26.40	—	35.00	—	32.55	9.75				
GL W XL	27.00	28.00	31.50	32.13	28.90	33.75	13.50		GL W MD	19.00	23.13	—	—	—	27.00	4.00				
GL W LG	—	28.00	23.50	24.67	24.33	26.00	9.00		NRBS - 39	—	13.00	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GL W MD	18.00	—	16.88	19.67	—	—	12.25													
GL W SM	19.50	22.00	18.63	22.55	20.50	—	6.00													
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	22.00	23.00	11.50													
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	10.00	15.00	6.50													

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 06/20/99 - 06/26/99

Origin State	AZ	AR	CO	IA	MN	MO	NV	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA
N. CA	-	-	903	800	-	-	-	-	3,393	-	1,600	-
C. CA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	920	-	-	-	2,640
S. CA	850	780	4,237	2,935	2,360	3,312	1,013	9,110	-	1,640	3,485	-
TOTAL	850	780	5,140	3,735	2,360	3,312	1,013	10,030	3,393	1,640	5,085	2,640

N. CA TOTAL: 6,696 C. CA TOTAL: 3,560 S. CA TOTAL: 29,722 TOTAL STATE: 39,978
MILITARY -0-

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
107-110	63-66	53-56	36-39	16-19

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
42-45	33-39	31-36	21-26	20-24

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
17-19	9-11	7-9

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
51.72	43.95	40.34

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	6/28/99	3/21/99	7/06/98
PACIFIC COAST	60	85	5
LOS ANGELES	36	58	5

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR JUNE 29, 1999:

CARTONS	WTD AVG
UNAVAILABLE	

Receipts from the mainland: 6/20/99-6/26/99
30-dozen cases 2,285

Receipts from the mainland: 6/13/99-6/19/99
30-dozen cases 3,519

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